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| TRANSMITTAL FORM (for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application # | 10/621,149 |
| | Confirmation # | 1189 |
| | Filing Date | July 15, 2003 |
| | First Inventor | KROENING |
| | Art Unit | 2185 |
| | Examiner | TRAN, Denise |
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| ENCLOSURES (check all that apply) | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees calculated below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> including Attachment(s) <input type="checkbox"/> After Final Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> including Attachment(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Petition <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Appl. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below: | | | | | |
| | NOW | Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS | 18 | - 29 | 0 | X \$ 50 = | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 4 | - 5 | 0 | X \$ 200 = | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES = | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other fee for | | | | | |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES = | | | | | -0- |

☐ A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$0 is enclosed.

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0439:
- (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or
 - (2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: March 15, 2006

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005:

- A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and
B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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